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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone for hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to firm. No trading reported. Demand remained mixed with most interest for deferred arrival. Supplies held with confidence and availability limited for prompt shipments. Parts and meats trading fairly good for post holiday needs. Demand light to moderate. Thigh meat steady to instances firm on current production. Necks, tails and drums unsettled. Breast meat offerings light and undertone steady to firm for next week.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading moderate centering on drums and thigh meat going to Asia and Mexico. Limited sales noted on wings, tails and necks going to Africa and the Caribbean. Inquiry light to fair on drums and thigh meat from current production.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 27, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	JUN-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	5340	JUN-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	JUN-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1800	JUN-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	880	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67	-	-	-	83.00	40	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 28, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.90**	65.40**	59.38 **	EASTERN REGION	65.55	63.02	58.68
CENTRAL REGION	65.90**	65.00**	58.75	CENTRAL REGION	65.13	62.57	57.33
WESTERN REGION	66.40**	65.40**	59.50 **	WESTERN REGION	65.65	63.36	58.63
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.40**	67.10**	57.50 **	EASTERN REGION	66.81	63.73	57.23
CENTRAL REGION	67.90**	66.80**	57.95	CENTRAL REGION	66.64	63.61	55.88
WESTERN REGION	68.40**	66.70**	58.00 **	WESTERN REGION	66.74	64.20	57.45

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-88
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-78

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 31-MAY-99			
	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	160		20	

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-May-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	1,544	284	22.29	NONE	NONE	1,544	22.29
S ATL	745	-40	30.08	NONE	NONE	745	30.08
N CENT	2,253	-13	30.57	(A)	(A)	2,267	30.53
S CENT	552	-22	19.61	NONE	NONE	552	19.61
WEST	397	-24	23.71	(A)	(A)	407	23.75
U.S.TOTAL	5,491(B)	0	26.57	0	24	5,515	26.57
TO DATE							
1999	90,052(B)			0	595	90,647	
TO DATE							
1998	95,629(B)			8	711	96,348	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:

for the week 4,000 for the year 299,000; last year to date 340,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-May-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,491	24	5,515
AVGWT	0.00	26.57	25.17	26.57
LAST WEEK	0	5,464	17	5,481
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,677	53	4,730
AVGWT	0.00	26.69(A)	24.40	26.66
TO-DATE/1999	0	90,052(A)	595	90,647
TO-DATE/1998	8	95,629(A)	711	96,348

(A) Includes 299,000 young banded breeders in 1999
and 340,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 15-May-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 397 HD, 9,413 LBS,
TO DATE 5,317 HD, 130,532 LBS; OLD 10 HD, TO DATE 98 HD;
TOTAL 407 HD, TO DATE 5,415 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

APRIL	444,541 *
MAY 1-15, 1999	229,983 *
To date 1999	1,861,026 *
To date 1998	1,962,707 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 MAY 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady on tom full-cut wings, tom 2-joint wings barely steady to fully steady, frozen thigh meat steady to firm with unsettledness noted. Inquiry light to good on frozen thigh meat with some buyers reluctant to pay the higher offering prices from current production. Some lower priced January production frozen thigh meat was sold from a trader. Tom drum offerings uneven with older production offered at lower prices while new production trends higher. For export: hen necks (3 containers) 12-12.50, ground drum (1.50 containers) 35, hen defatted gizzards (1 container) hen 50.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	16.33	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	14.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	16.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.33	63
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	16.32	97
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.00	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	188.00	140
THIGH MEAT		W	50.00	1
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	56.00	6
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	110.00	168
SCAPULA MEAT		W	98.00	15
TENDERLOINS	150.00		150.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	155.10	420
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00		21.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	104
TAILS		W	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-56.00		50.53	647

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 MAY 1999.

Undertone barely steady to firm on frozen thigh meat with product yet to be made commanding premiums over product in storage. Some industry members cautiously watching how the thigh meat prices relate to competitive pork items. Undertone steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with trading for June-July, mostly June shipments. Buyers resisting seller attempts to raise the tom 2-joint market. Fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey light at best for next week's shortened work schedules. For export: tom necks (4 containers) 15-17, ground drum meat (2 loads) 30, mixed defatted gizzards (5 containers) 60 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.00		98.00	1,480	98.00	1,480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40	129.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	91.00	40	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-18.00		16.50	60	16.36	123
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	14.00	4	14.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	16.00	14	15.41	34
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.33	63	22.49	83
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	40	19.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		W	16.32	97	15.93	137
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	174.00		174.00	40	174.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	280	189.33	420
THIGH MEAT	57.00		57.00	20	56.67	21
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00-55.00		53.00	60	52.79	106
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	40	110.00	208
SCAPULA MEAT		W	98.00	15	98.00	15
TENDERLOINS	149.00		149.00	40	153.31	169
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	156.00-158.00		157.00	80	155.32	620
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.50	80	68.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		16.11	180	15.62	468
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00-16.00		14.98	224	14.90	2,456
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	40	21.90	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00-19.50		18.75	416	19.08	624
TAILS	17.00		17.00	104	16.57	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	80	13.73	600
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-62.00		58.25	455	53.32	1,830

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